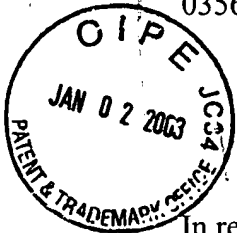


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2002, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 4 through 6, 8, 12, 14 through 16, 20, 21, 23 through 25, 27, 29 through 32, and 34 through 36 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of these claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached. Note that all the claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently being amended, have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.